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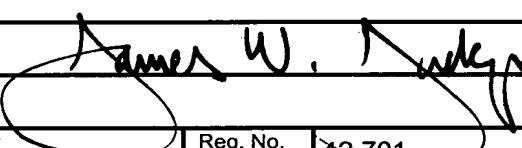
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REMARKS

All of the presently submitted references, i.e., Cite Nos. F1 through F8 as listed on Form PTO/SB/08, are not in English. These references were cited in a communication from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart Japanese application.

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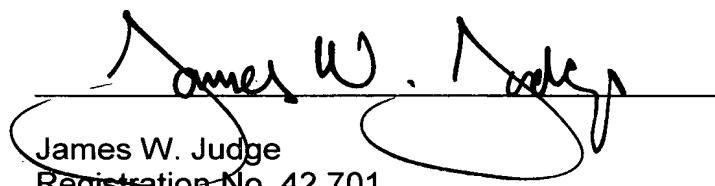
As a concise explanation of the relevance of the presently submitted Japanese-language references, an English translation of the Japanese Patent Office communication in its entirety is submitted herewith. The JPO communication was in Japanese Pat. App. No. 2003-126616, the foreign patent application on the basis of which priority is claimed in the present application. (A copy of the Japanese Patent Office communication in its entirety follows the English translation.)

Furthermore, English abstracts of Cite Nos. F1 through F8 are available on the Japanese Patent Office website through Patent Abstracts of Japan (PAJ), and a copy of the corresponding abstract is attached to the back of each reference.

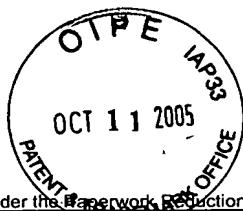
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Respectfully submitted,

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	F1	JP-H05-186884-A	07-27-1993	Mitsubishi Materials		✓
	F2	JP-H11-279789-A	10-12-1999	Nippon Mining & Metals		✓
	F3	JP-2003-007970-A	01-10-2003	Sony		✓
	F4	JP-2000-133752-A	05-12-2000	Sumitomo Electric		✓
	F5	JP-2002-009212-A	01-11-2002	Denki Kagaku Kogyo		✓
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